

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

It's that time again for your TLC Leadership Team (Council and Staff) to start planning its spring retreat where we will set ministry goals and objectives for 2022 and beyond. Many Christian leadership organizations reference the leadership principles of Nehemiah. Nehemiah was the cup-bearer/assistant to the Persian King Artaxerxes during the time that some of the Jews were returning to Jerusalem from a 70-year exile. Nehemiah hears that the walls of Jerusalem were still in disrepair from the destruction of the city and of the bitter suffering and hardship of his people. Without having secure gates and walls, the people of Jerusalem didn't have a safe place to live or seek shelter during severe weather. Worst of all, Jews didn't have good place to go when they returned from exile. The self-esteem of Israel was at a low point and people's faith in God was waning. Here is what Nehemiah did and what we can learn from his actions.

Show compassion and empathy for those suffering and in need.

Nehemiah mourned, cried bitterly and showed heartfelt empathy of his countrymen.

Pray for God's vision and guidance on how to help those in need.

Nehemiah immediately spent days fasting and praying that God would show him how to help the people of Jerusalem. He continued praying until he received a vision from God.

Communicate the vision/plan. Nehemiah communicated God's plan to rebuild Jerusalem to the Persian King and the nobles, priests and people of Israel.

Find people and resources that can help you reach your goals.

Nehemiah asked the King for help and Nehemiah was promoted to Governor and given authority to repair the walls. Nehemiah enlisted all peoples and all groups in Jerusalem and surrounding villages to help repair the gates. All people provided labor and resources to help rebuild Jerusalem. Nehemiah managed this big undertaking by delegating smaller easily obtainable tasks.

Assess Needs, then set goals and project timeline

Nehemiah assessed all the gates and walls that needed repair when he arrived in Jerusalem. He determined when and how they should be repaired.

Pray for wisdom, discernment and God's guidance in all circumstances.

Nehemiah in Nehemiah 1 prays a fervent emotional prayer to God. He didn't stop praying once he received God's vision. He asked for discernment and help when confronted by opposition. He prayed for the restoration of spiritual health and practices of the people of Israel when the people were being mocked or opposed in their work. In all Nehemiah prayed 12 times in the Book of Nehemiah.

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Recently I got way ahead of myself in making decisions. I prayed that God would show me His plan for TLC and my life, but was I really asking him to validate what I wanted in my timing. Jesus says in John 14, "I am the way and the truth and the life..." Matthew Henry, Bible commentator says Jesus is the true guide of our way. Only through Jesus can we come to know His will and plan for us. How can we practically know His will? Through fervent prayer and listening to Jesus' own words and actions in His Holy Bible. At church, we have the opportunity to hear scriptures, teachings and ways to apply His word. Individually we listen and read God's word in our daily devotions and in our Bible Study small groups. Through all these opportunities, the Holy Spirit can reveal to us and guide us in ways we can accomplish His plan. It is all of our responsibility to determine God's plan for TLC. If you have a word of knowledge from

God, please share them with any member of the Council. Our leadership retreat is coming up and this information would be invaluable to us.

The TLC vision statement is to know, love and share Christ better. In John 14:12, Jesus says whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these..." Jesus' method was to listen to people he met and reach out to their needs. He established close personal relationships with them. He attended weddings, had meals with sinners and friends alike, and cried at a friend's death. He showed love and compassion for all people. Recently I had a conversation with a TLC member and she said we do a good job of conducting the business of the church, but don't take time to get to know each other better. Let's make an effort to get to know one another better this year. If you know any member of our congregation, a family member or friends

that are undergoing difficulty times, contact the church office. We need to stay connected to everyone, so we can minister to their needs. May the all-knowing, all-present and all-loving Lord, guide us into the future.

Jim McGraw

Birchwood Lions make a Donation!!

Pictured to the right is Sue Svitak of the Birchwood Lions club, presenting a check for \$450.00 to Joanne Schilling, Co-Director this year of the Trinity Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School. This year the VBS theme is “Monumental.” VBS will be held June 20-24, from 12:45 - 3:45p Watch for upcoming registration details.



April WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	April 3 <i>(10:00 am)</i>	April 10 <i>(10:00 am)</i>	April 17 <i>(7:00 am)</i>	April 17 <i>(10:00 am)</i>	April 24 <i>(10:00 am)</i>
GREETERS	Dan & Jackie Healy	Joanne & Eldon Kvale	Betty Blanch	Sue & Tom Svitak	Katrina Gustafson
USHERS	John Schieffer Mike Capra	LeRoy Brensel John Schieffer	John Schieffer	John Schieffer LeRoy Brensel	LeRoy Brensel Wally Thom
COMM. ASSTS	June Bibeau	Dan Dahl	Dan Dahl	Pat Mackey	Joanne Schilling
READER	Sue Capra	Carol Addington	Karen Hayes	Donnarae Carrell	Dianne Buxton



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APRIL SERVICES

April 3 - Sunday Worship 10:00 am

April 6 Mid-Week Lenten Worship 6:30 pm
Lenten Meal 5:30 pm

April 10 - Palm Sunday Worship 10:00 am

April 14 Mid-Week Maundy Thurs. Worship 6:30 pm

April 15 Mid-Week Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm

April 17 Easter Son Rise Worship 7:00 am

April 17 Easter Worship 10:00 am

April 24 Worship 10:00 am

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| Jeremy Lobitz 4/2 | Brayden Anderson 4/17 |
| Aurora Kolodzinski 4/5 | Jody Anderson 4/17 |
| Donna Soper 4/5 | Sharon Dhein 4/17 |
| Josh Brantner 4/7 | Don Subrt 4/17 |
| David Dakins 4/9 | Jim Gronberg 4/21 |
| Kaitlyn Roppe 4/10 | Chris Iverson 4/26 |
| Todd Hogen 4/11 | Selene Johnson 4/27 |
| Corbin Nordback 4/13 | Pat Brenn 4/30 |
| Mark Soper 4/13 | Kris Gottwald 4/30 |
| Adam Anderson 4/14 | |
| Bradey Gottwald 4/14 | |
| Abrianna Beffa 4/14 | |
| Amber Brantner 4/15 | |



Meeting

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open 10:30-12:30pm Apr 4, 18**
- Worship & Music Team. 10 am, Apr 4**
- Women of Trinity. 10 am, Apr 9**
- Trinity Council Meeting 6:30 pm, Apr 19**

Easter
APRIL 17TH, 2022

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST8:30AM
EASTER SERVICES7:00 AM & 10:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL10:00 AM
EASTER ESCAPE ROOM EGG HUNT..... 11:30 AM
(PRE-REGISTRATION FORM ON YOUTH AND FAMILY BOARD)

*GO FORTH, SHEDDING LIGHT TO A WORLD FILLED
WITH DARKNESS, OBTAINING KEYS TO
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!*

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COMMUNITY HELP

The Men's Ministry Group from Trinity Lutheran Church raised funds, Airtec Powersports in Birchwood contributed repair services, and Joe Ricci Tire of Rice Lake donated tires to help get Stanley Radomski back in the seat of a 4-wheeler.

Last fall, Stanley and his 4-wheeler were in an accident and even though Stanley fared well his old 4-wheeler did not. With the use of what the insurance paid and the help of the community members Stanley is now back with his new ride and a smile on his face. A big Thank You to all involved. It takes a village!

WEEKLY TEXT STUDIES WITH PASTOR DAN

Want to help focus Pastor's sermon? Then come to the weekly text studies on Mondays at 1 pm, where Pastor and those present will dive into the Scripture texts for the coming Sunday. Copies of the Scriptures are available outside Pastor's office door. Pick one up and join the text study group.



Women of Trinity Lutheran Church HAPPENINGS March 2022

Our meeting was held on March 12 with 12 women in attendance. We opened and closed with prayer. Devotion by Di Hubbard.

-Altar Guild April: Cindy Rubin

-Thanks to those who contributed to Fred Peck's memorial luncheon.

-Discussion of Women of the Word retreat. Applications due by 3/14

-a donation of \$500 will be made to Ukraine relief through SON Network

-The Book Buddy program at the Birchwood School is looking for volunteers.

-Prayer requests were addressed.

Next meeting will be April 9 at 10 am.



April 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship	4 9:00 Quilters 10:00 WMMT Mtg 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 3:30 Woman's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	5	6 5:30 p Lenten Meal 6:30p Lenten Service 7:15 -8:00p Choir Prac- tice 8-9:00 Praise Team rehearsal	7 10a Women's Bible study	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 WOT Meeting 10 am
10 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship - Palm Sunday	11 9:00 Quilters 1p Text Study 3:30 Woman's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	12	13 7:00 -8:00p Choir Prac- tice 8-9:00 Praise Team rehearsal	14 10a Women's Bible study 6:30 p Maundy Thursday Worship Service	15 6:00 p Good Friday Worship OFFICE CLOSED	16
17 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday 7:00 a Easter Son Rise Worship 10a - Easter Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	18 9:00 Quilters 1p Text Study 3:30p MONDAY Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	19 Journey Deadline 6:30p - Council Meeting	20 5:30 The Cross 7:00 -8:00p Choir Prac- tice 8-9:00 Praise Team rehearsal	21 10a Women's Bible study 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Mtg	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday 10a - Worship Prayer Shawl Sunday	25 9:00 Quilters 1p Text Study 3:30p MONDAY Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	26	27 5:30 The Cross 7:00-8:00p Choir Prac- tice 8-9:00 Praise Team rehearsal	28 10a Women's Bible study	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30

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Sunday School 10 am (Sept - May)
Office Hours 8 - 11:30 am, 12:30 - 3:00pm (M-Th)
Bulletin deadline 9 am Tuesdays
JOURNEY deadline Monday - 3rd week of the month

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- 3/2 — Ash Wednesday service 6:30p
- 3/6 — 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 3/9 - Lenten Meal 5:30 Service at 6:30p
- 3/13 - 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 3/16 - Lenten Meal 5:30 Service at 6:30p
- 3/20 - 10 am Worship w/Communion -Love Fund Offering
- 3/23 - Lenten Meal 5:30 Service at 6:30p
- 3/27 - Worship w/Communion Prayer Shawl Sunday
- 3/30 - Lenten Meal 5:30 Service at 6:30p

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Debbie Davis	Tracy Reid
Annette Gentile	Bill Rice
Andy Hedman	Ro Sackmann
Barb Hinderman	Carter Sackmann
Eunice Kuntz	Timothy Wallace
Ed Leader	Donna Willis
Lora	Kathy Paquette
Sharon Mackey	

In the military: Rigil Christensen, Bennett Jorgensen and all those serving in the military.